Socio-Economic reforms in Chhattisgarh

2680. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of any new socio-economic reforms which Government plan to introduce in Chhattisgarh especially for the backward regions;

(b) whether Government have received any proposals for the same; and

(c) if not, whether there has been any formal representations by any NGO's regarding the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) A new initiative, namely, the Backward Districts Initiative under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana is proposed in the Tenth Plan which aims at focused development programmes for backward areas which would help reduce imbalances and speed up development.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Poverty Ratio

2681. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state : (a) what was the poverty ratio in 1993-94;

(b) what is the present poverty ratio; and

(c) what is the projection estimate by 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) The poverty ratio in the country was 35.97 per cent in 1993-94.

(b) The poverty ratio in the country estimated from the latest large sample survey data is 26.10 per cent for the year 1999-2000.

(c) In the Tenth Five Year Plan, poverty projections have been made for the terminal year (2006-07) of the Tenth Plan. Consistent with the overall growth target of 8% per annum and its State-wise distribution as given in the Plan, the percentage of population living below poverty line in the country has been projected to be 19.3% in 2006-07. As such, the poverty projections for the year 2012 are not available.